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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Wednesday, 9 October 2002

Security Council

Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Consultations Room

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57, 58, 60-73): *item 57* (A/57/263); *item 58* (A/57/263, A/C.1/57/L.5); *item 60* (A/57/98-S/2002/705); *item 61* (A/57/166, A/57/166/Add.1, A/C.1/57/L.1); *item 62*; *item 63* (A/57/214, A/57/214/Add.1, A/57/214/Add.2); *item 64* (A/57/417-S/2002/1042); *item 65* (A/57/418); *item 66* (A/57/95, A/57/95/Add.1, A/57/95/Add.2, A/57/96, A/57/114, A/57/114/Add.1, A/57/114/Add.2, A/57/117, A/57/120, A/57/121, A/57/121/Add.1, A/57/121/Add.2, A/57/124, A/57/159, A/57/160, A/57/167, A/57/167/Add.1, A/57/209, A/57/210, A/57/221, A/57/221/Add.1, A/57/221/Corr.1, A/57/229, A/57/383, A/57/401, A/57/425, A/57/59, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/92, A/C.1/57/4, A/C.1/57/L.2,

(continued overleaf)

Security Council

A public meeting of the Security Council will be held on Friday, 11 October 2002, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item entitled "Small Arms". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263)

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A/C.1/57/L.3, A/C.1/57/L.7); *item 67* (A/57/116, A/57/124, A/57/161, A/57/162, A/57/168, A/57/223, A/57/260, A/57/383, A/57/79-S/2002/551); *item 68* (A/57/27, A/57/42, A/57/302, A/57/335, A/57/342); *item 69*; *item 70* (A/57/181); *item 71* (A/57/91); *items 72 and 73* (A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/C.1/57/L.4) (A/C.1/57/1, A/C.1/57/2, A/C.1/57/3); A/C.1/57/INF/1

Brazil
Yugoslavia
Russian Federation
Myanmar
Tunisia
Namibia
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Mexico
Iraq
Guyana
Kenya
Bahrain

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. –1 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (A/57/20, A/57/213, A/C.4/57/L.5) . . . . . [75]

Conclusion of general debate

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/57/L.5

Third Committee

10–1 p.m. . . . . 12th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [102] (A/57/3[1], A/57/38 (Part I), A/57/125, A/57/129-E/2002/77, A/57/169, A/57/170, A/57/171, A/57/330, A/57/330/Add.1[1], A/57/406, A/57/432, A/57/447[1])

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [103] (A/57/3[1], A/57/286)

Introduction, dialogue and general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. –1 p.m. . . . . Informal (closed) consultations . . . . . Conference Room 2

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel . . . . . [161]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat

2. Common services

Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s
Resumed substantive session

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal meeting (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber

3 p.m. 8th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. Informal meeting (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber

[1] Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

Special briefing to members of the Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Special briefing by officials of the Secretariat to members of the Fifth Committee on the Capital Master Plan (A/57/285) and issues relating to human resources management including a demonstration of the Galaxy (Part I)

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 9 October 2002

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(or the organization of work of the Second Committee)*

9.30 a.m.–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

African Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Department for Disarmament Affairs

10 a.m.–12 noon. Conference Room B

Round table on recommendations for the Study on Disarmament Education, with the participation of the members of the Group of Experts and peace and disarmament educators

1.15–2.45 p.m. Conference Room 4

Launch of the Study on Disarmament Education [Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs: H.E. Mr. Miguel Marin Bosch, Chairman of the Group of Experts; Professor William Potter, Centre for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies; Mr. James Tanes, Bougainville Peace Congress; and Professor Betty Reardon, Founding Director, Peace Education Institute, will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Gary De Rosa, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3980; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; email DeRosa@un.org).]

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: agenda item 103 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-fourth century"))*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Meeting on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Meeting of interested delegations, organized by the delegation of Argentina, on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Open-ended meeting on the First Committee draft resolution on transparency in armaments

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Open-ended meeting of co-sponsors and other interested delegations, organized by the delegations of the Netherlands, on the First Committee draft resolution on transparency in armaments

Group of 77 *(of Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Latin American and Caribbean States Group

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Non-aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Consultative meeting on the First Committee draft resolution on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

3.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Consultative meeting of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the First Committee draft resolution on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, organized by the delegation of Nepal

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: agenda item 97 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly))*

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 9 October 2002

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Djessan Philippe Djangone-Bi, Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire (on the situation in his country)

12 noon . . . . . Launch of the Study on Disarmament Education by Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, with H.E. Mr. Miguel Marin Bosch, Chairman of the Group of Experts, who produced the study

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 10 October 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

3 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Third Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Sixth Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 12th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 21, chaired by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will be held on Thursday, 10 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on the following dates: Thursday 10 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 6, and Friday, 11 October, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m., in Conference Room 6.

Special briefings to members of the Fifth Committee

Special briefings by officials of the Secretariat to members of the Fifth Committee will be made as follows: Thursday, 10 October 2002, 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, on issues relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003; and Friday, 11 October 2002, 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, on issues relating to human resources management (Part II) (continuation).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 266th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Thursday, 10 October 2002, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 213th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Tuesday, 15 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)* on Thursday, 10 October 2002, from 9 to 9.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Islamic Group *(on Sixth Committee matters)*
(at the expert level)

There will be a closed meeting of the Islamic Group *(on Sixth Committee matters) (at the expert level)* on Thursday, 10 October 2002, from 9.15 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Group of 77 *(on agenda item 84 (f); and the World Summit for Sustainable Development: assessment of Johannesburg Summit)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(on agenda item 84 (f) (Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation); and on the World Summit on Sustainable Development: assessment of the Johannesburg Summit))* on Thursday, 10 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Arab Group *(on First Committee matters)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group *(on First Committee matters)* on Thursday, 10 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Group of 77 *(on agenda item 84 (c) (Science and technology for development); the draft resolution on the World Summit on Sustainable Development; and the preparation of the Global Environment Facility statement)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(on agenda item 84 (c) (Science and technology for development); the draft resolution on the World Summit on Sustainable Development; and the preparation of the Global Environment Facility statement)* on Friday, 11 October 2002, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Central America Group

There will be a meeting of the Central America Group on Friday, 11 October 2002, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Rio Group *(at the permanent representatives level)*

The Rio Group will meet *(at the permanent representatives level)* on Friday, 11 October 2002, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

ILO briefing on the informal economy

There will be a briefing on "The Informal Economy: Conclusions from Discussions at the International Labour Conference", organized by the International Labour Orgnization, on Thursday, 17 October 2002, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Ms. Lin Lean Lim, ILO. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Caroline Lewis, New York ILO Liaison Office (tel.: 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).

UNITAR Seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties.

The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York.

The invitation to attend the seminar is extended not only to members of permanent missions, but also to members of the relevant ministries from capitals. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 5 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR Workshop Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has organized the new Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics. This programme is being implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation, Inc. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which is currently being repeated four times a year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on (a) Introduction to Computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet Search Basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page Design Basics and Usability Techniques; and is geared towards all diplomats. The fifth module, which is conducted as an interactive seminar, covers "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology" and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff as well as non-governmental organizations.

The fourth and last cycle of the 2002 Series (conducted in English), which began on Friday, 4 October, will continue on every alternate Friday until 15 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Informal advance copies of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

In order to facilitate preparations by delegations for the debate of the General Assembly on item 42, informal advance copies of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (in English only) are available at the UNAIDS New York office and can be picked-up by delegates at the following address: UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza, room 841). Information on an electronic version of this document can also be obtained by calling 1 (212) 824-6643. The report will be issued in all official languages shortly, as document A/57/227.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 8 October 2002

Security Council

4618th meeting (resumed)

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Lebanon, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Peru, Israel, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Ethiopia, and Zambia.

In accordance with the decision taken at the meeting held on 4 October 2002, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Amadou Kebe.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon and Nepal.

The Chairman of the Counter-terrorism Committee responded to comments and questions raised.

4619th meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2002/26).

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

26th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/270 and A/57/270/Corr.1) [44]*; Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/57/1)* [10]*: joint debate*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 44 and 10.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Senegal, Ethiopia, Iraq, Nepal, Suriname, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Yemen, San Marino, Canada, Ecuador, Papua New Guinea, Malawi and Angola.

The Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/57/1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 44 and 10.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

8th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space . . . . . [75]

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of Cuba, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, India, Malaysia, Egypt, Romania and Pakistan.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Friday, 11 October 2002, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 74 (Effects of atomic radiation). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

Third Committee

10th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [97]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [98]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [99]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Myanmar, Nigeria, Turkey, Ethiopia, Haiti, the Syrian Arab Republic, Madagascar, Benin, Tunisia, Thailand, the Dominican Republic, San Marino, Malawi, Ghana, Chile, Kazakhstan, Uganda, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Belarus and Pakistan.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft resolutions under agenda items 97, 98 and 99 was at 6 p.m., the same day.

11th meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda items 97, 98 and 99 and heard statements by the representatives of Suriname, Morocco, Israel, Sri Lanka, Cameroon, the Congo, Indonesia, Jordan and Kuwait.

The observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda items 97, 98 and 99.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Trade and Development Board
Forty-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 7 October 2002

930th plenary meeting

Opening of the session

The forty-ninth session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Nathan Irumba (Uganda), Acting President of the forty-eighth session of the Board.

The Acting President announced the membership of Timor-Leste to the United Nations and on behalf of the Board welcomed Timor-Leste to the membership of UNCTAD (The membership of UNCTAD now stands at 192).

Mozambique was welcomed to membership of the Board (The membership of the Board now stands at 148).

Procedural matters . . . . . [1]

(a) Election of officers

The Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Dimiter Tzantchev (Bulgaria) as the President. The President of the Board made a statement.

The Board elected the following 10 Vice-Presidents: Mr. Iouri Afaniassiev (Russian Federation); Mr. Boniface Chidyausiku (Zimbabwe); Mr. Luiz Felipe de Seixas Corrêa (Brazil); Mr. Nathan Irumba (Uganda); Mr. Toshiyuki Iwado, (Japan); Mr. Douglas M. Griffiths (United States of America); Mr. François Léger (France); Mr. Samuel T. Ramel (Philippines); Mr. Lester Mejía Solís (Nicaragua); and Mr. Eberhard von Schubert (Germany).

The Board elected Mr. Mehdi Fakheri (Islamic Republic of Iran) as its Rapporteur.

Following established practice, the Board agreed that the Regional Coordinators and China, and the Chairmen of the Sessional Committees, would be fully associated with the wok of the Bureau of the Board.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

The Board adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document TD/B/49/1.

Organization of work

The Board approved the proposals for the organization of the work of the session as proposed in a Revised Annex II of document TD/B/49/1 and agreed that, in the course of the session, changes to the timetable in the light of developments would be reflected in the daily Journal of the Board.

The Board established two Sessional Committees: *Sessional Committee I*, to consider and report on item 4 (Progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010: (a) Implementation of UNCTAD-wide activities in favour of least developed countries; (b) The least developed country status: Effective benefits and the question of graduation; and *Sessional Committee II*, to consider and report on item 5 (UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: Structural adjustment and poverty reduction in Africa).

The Board also elected Mr. Stefano Lazzarotto (Switzerland) as the Chairman of Sessional Committee I, and Mr. Falou Samb (Senegal) as Chairman of Sessional Committee II.

General statements

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Board.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), the United Kingdom, Finland, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries), the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, the United States, Switzerland, Japan, Norway and Mozambique.

Tuesday, 8 October 2002

931st plenary meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Developing countries in world trade . . . . . [3]

The Director of the Division for Globalization and Development Strategies made an introductory statement on the item.

The Board began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the following countries: Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), India, Thailand, Bahrain, China, Bangladesh, Jamaica and the Russian Federation.

932nd plenary meeting

The Board concluded its general debate on agenda item 3 and heard statements by the representatives of Norway, Algeria and Cuba.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Paraguay (27 September 2002) [1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Advocating for a World Fit for Children: From Commitment to Action." The briefing will be held on Thursday, 10 October 2002, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing will feature H.E. Mr. Hanns Heinrich Schumacher, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Acting Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations; Mr. Kul Gautam, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF; Ms. Resham Patel, Representative, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts; and Ms. Bani Dugal Gujral, Main Representative to the United Nations, Director, Office for the Advancement of Women, Baha'i International Community. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. This briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with working groups of the NGO Committee on UNICEF. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

World Mental Health Day
10 October 2002

In observance of World Mental Health Day, an event entitled "Addressing Global Issues on Violence and Mental Health", organized by the World Health Organization and the NGO Committee on Mental Health, will take place on Thursday, 10 October 2002, from 1 to 4 p.m. *The venue has been changed.* The event will now take place at the Millennium Hotel, Ballroom (2nd Floor) (42nd Street and First Avenue). Speakers will include Dr. Lloyd Sederer, Executive Deputy Commissioner for Mental Hygiene, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, The City of New York; Dr. James Mercy, Associate Director for Science, Center for Disease Control, Ms. Tamar Rogoff, director, teacher and film maker; Dr. Lori Heise, Senior Programme Officer, WHO; and Dr. Pamela Cantor, Founder and President, The Children's Mental Health Alliance. Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations; and Dr. Giovanni Caracci, Chair, NGO Committee on Mental Health, will deliver the opening remarks. Interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

United Nations University: Book Launch

The launch of the book entitled *Governing Globalization. Issues and Institutions*, organized by the United Nations University, will take place on Monday, 21 October 2002, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Professor Deepak Nayyar, Vice Chancellor of the University of Delhi, editor and co-author, will be the main presenter. Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University, who is a contributor to the volume, will also speak on the occasion. The session will be chaired by Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Soial Affairs. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; fax 1 (212) 371- 9454; Web site www.ony.unu.edu. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. As seating is limited, kindly register on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Asian States:
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

Eastern European States:
Yugoslavia
H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

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